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PHASE;91 THE WHIRLWIND OF KARMA

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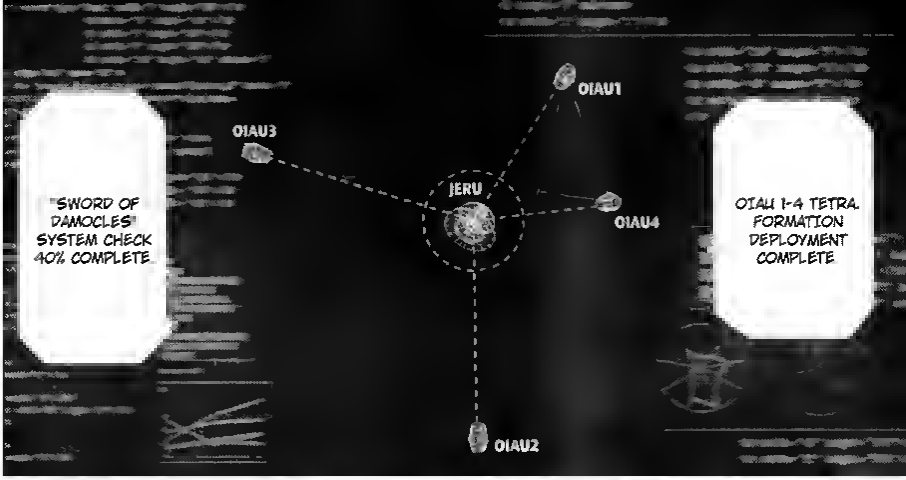
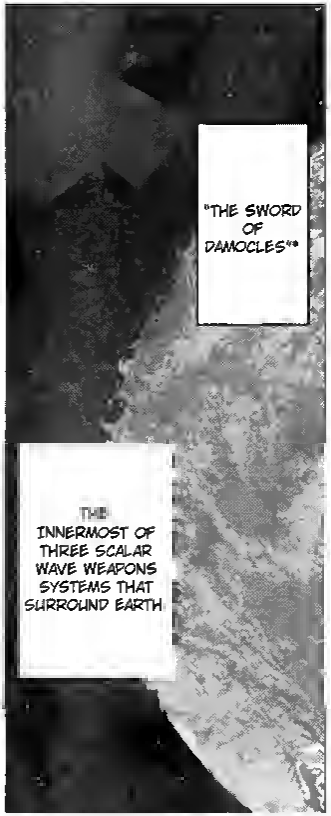


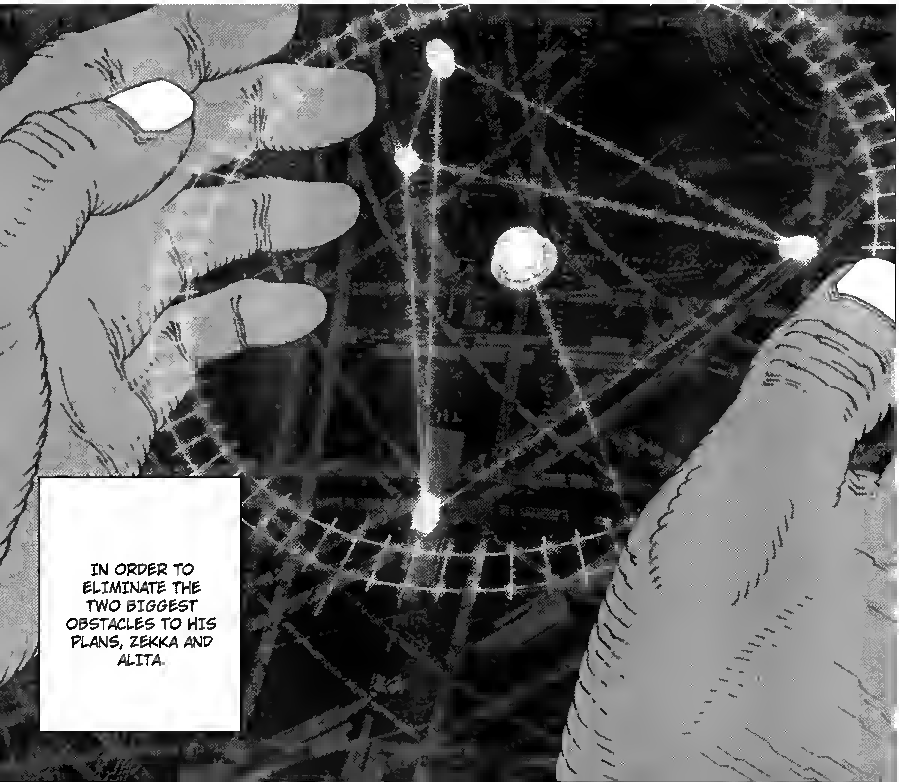
JUST AS ITS OMINOUS NAME SUGGESTS, IT POINTS TOWARDS THE SURFACE
ITS OUTPUT IS SEVERAL HUNDRED TIMES THAT OF TIPHARES' "ABADDON"*. CAPABLE OF VAPORIZING AN ASTEROID IN AN INSTANT.



*THE SWORD OF DAMOCLES: FROM THE LORE OF ANCIENT GREECE. A SWORD THAT WAS SUSPENDED ABOVE THE THRONE BY A SINGLE HAIR, IT SERVES AS A METAPHOR FOR THE CONSTANT FEAR THAT COMES WITH HAVING POWER.

*ABADDON: TIPHARES' ATMOSPHERIC SCALAR WAVE CANNON, FIRED ON DEN'S REBEL FORCES IN VOLUME 6.

CURRENTLY, MBADI IS RISKING HIS POLITICAL CAREER TO USE IT ON THE ZOTT FINALS


IN ORDER TO ELIMINATE THE TWO BIGGEST OBSTACLES TO HIS PLANS, ZEKKA AND ALITA.

TOMORROW, IT WILL ALL BE DECIDED.
MY FUTURE AS A LEADER...
...THE FATE OF THE UNIVERSE!!

THERE ARE QUITE A FEW THINGS I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU...
...ARTHUR.
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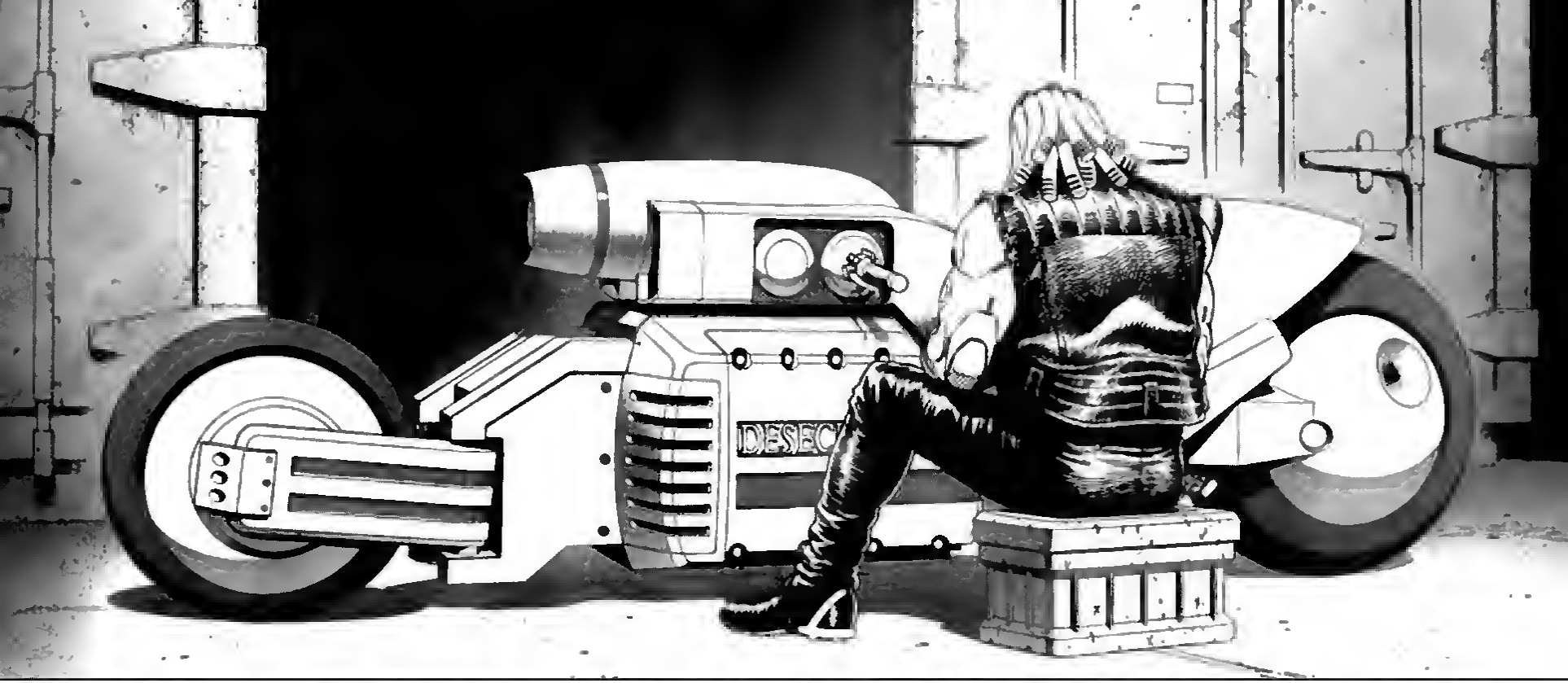
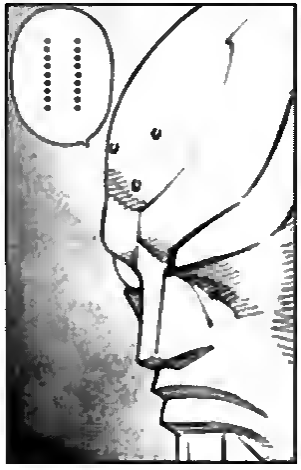
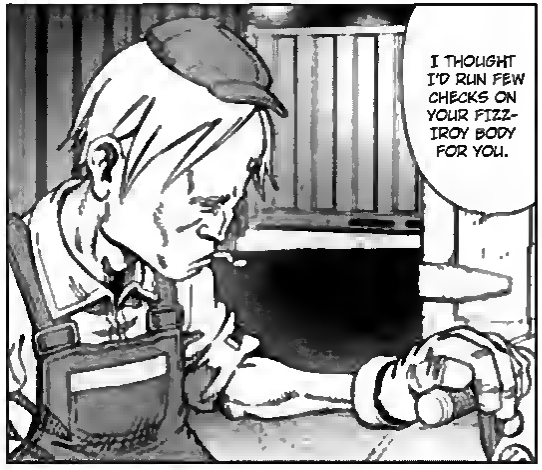
WELL, WELL...
PERFECT TIMING...
I CAME TO GIVE YOU A WARNING
IF YOU USE THE "SWORD OF DAMOCLES" TOMORROW, THE RESULTS WILL BE DISASTROUS.
OH?

IN THE WORST SCENARIO, THE ORBITAL RING SYSTEM WILL COLLAPSE, WHICH WILL LEAD TO THE OUTBREAK OF A SECOND TERRA-FORMING WAR.
BECAUSE OF THE POWERFUL KARMIC CURRENTS SWIRLING AROUND THE FINALS, THE FUTURES ARE DIVERGING, HOWEVER ..
DO YOU MEAN THE SCALE OF THE DAMAGE?
YOU LIE!
WHY!?
WHY DO YOU RECOGNIZE AN ALLEY CAT LIKE HER AS "FATA MORGANA"'S RIGHTFUL MASTER!?
THAT LITTLE GIRL HAS THE "FATA MORGANA"...
I HAVE NO REASON TO TRUST YOU, GIVEN THAT YOU WERE INVOLVED IN ALITA'S REVIVAL.

EXCALIBUR ACTED AS MELCHIZEDEK'S MASTER KEY, GIVING THE USER COMPLETE ACCESSTO ITS CONTROL SYSTEM.
ORGINALLY, THERE WERE TWO KEYS, "FATA MORGANA" AND "EXCALIBUR".
MY CORRUPT PREDECESSORS USED IT AS A CHIP IN THEIR POLITICAL GAMES. THEY TRIED TO REPLICATE IT BUT ENDED UP DESTROYING IT INSTEAD!!
AS YOU SAY
BECAUSE IT HAS THE SAME FUNCTIONS, "FATA MORGANA" SHOULD BELONG TO ME!
BY THE TIME I CAME TO POWER, "EXCALIBUR" WAS ALREADY LOST.
I TRIED TO WARN THEM TOO, BUT THEY WOULDN'T LISTEN.
I KNOW.







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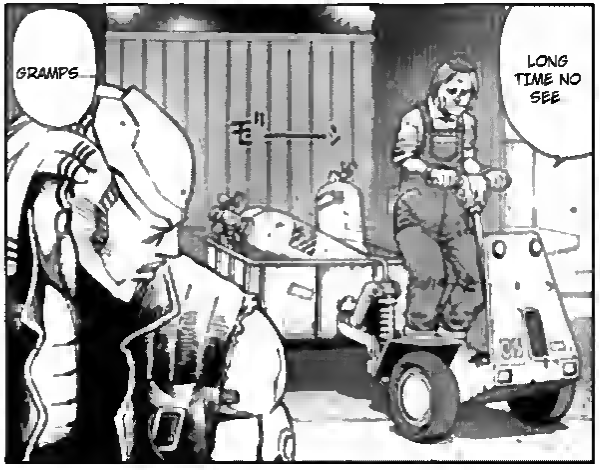
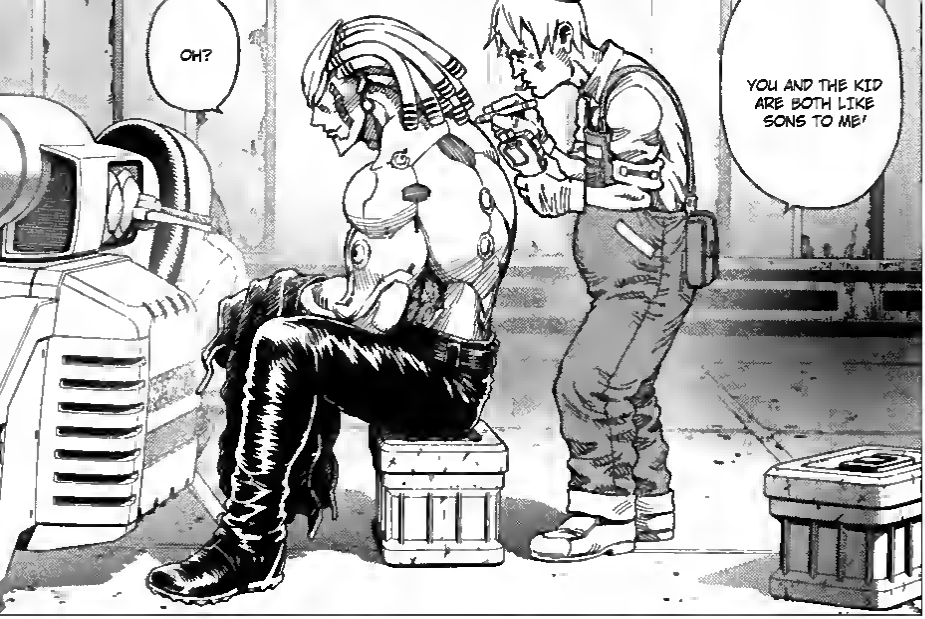
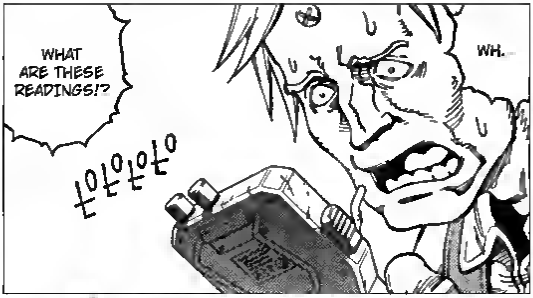


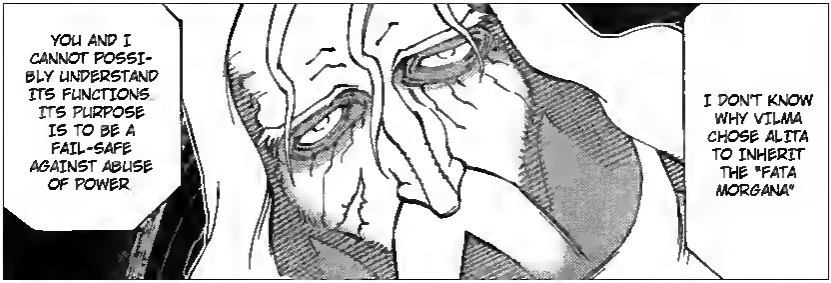
SURE! WHY NOT?
YOU SURE WORRY ABOUT DUMB STUFF
YOU'RE ON THE OTHER TEAM, RIGHT?
YOU SURE THIS IS OK, GRAMPS?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

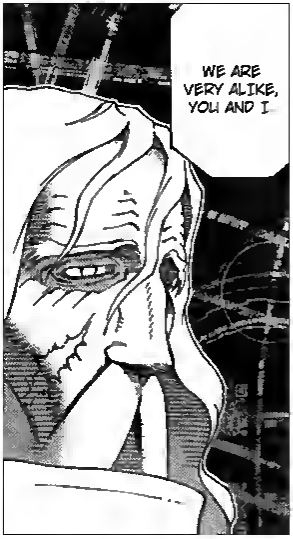




SFX: BEEP BEEP

"EXCALIBUR" IS THE KEY CONTROLLING LOGIC, REPRESENTING A MALE INFLUENCE, WHILE "FATA MORGANA" IS THE KEY CONTROLLING EMOTION, A BALANCING FEMALE INFLUENCE
"FATA MORGANA" IS MORE THAN JUST A SPARE KEY


YOU AND I CANNOT POSSIBLY UNDERSTAND ITS FUNCTIONS. ITS PURPOSE IS TO BE A FAIL-SAFE AGAINST ABUSE OF POWER
I DON'T KNOW WHY VILMA CHOSE ALITA TO INHERIT THE "FATA MORGANA"


WE ARE VERY ALIKE, YOU AND I

HOW DO YOU KNOW WHAT IT DOES IF YOU CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT? YOU'RE NOT MAKING SENSE!
ARE WE DEBATING PHILOSOPHY?

WE BOTH LOST OUR BELOVED AT A YOUNG AGE...
AND IN ORDER TO FILL THAT HOLE IN OUR HEARTS, WE ATTAINED POWER.

I HAVE THE HUMILITY TO ACCEPT THAT THERE ARE THINGS I CANNOT UNDERSTAND.
BUT THERE IS ONE CRUCIAL DIFFERENCE BETWEEN US.

SFX: ZUOOH

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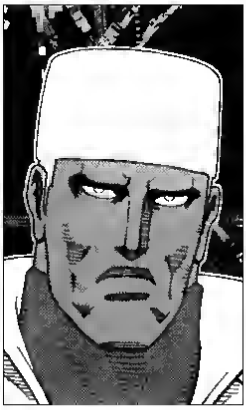
WHY DON'T I SHOW YOU ONE OF THE POSSIBLE FUTURES WITHIN MELCHIZEDEK.



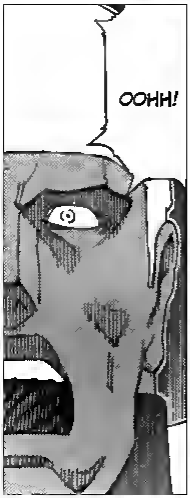
WHAT'S THIS!?

THIS IS A VISUAL-IZATION OF THE KARMIC CURRENTS IN A FORM THAT HUMANS CAN UNDERSYAND
EVERY PERSON'S ACTIONS AND ALL NATURAL EVENTS ARE REPRESENTED HERE BY PARTICLES OF LIGHT. EVER GROW-ING, COLLIDING AND DISAPPEARING
IS THIS WHAT IT'S LIKE TO LOOK THROUGH GOD'S EYES?
THESE FEEL DIF-FERENT FROM THE DATA CURRENTS I'M USED TO SEEING.

WHAT'S THAT VORTEX?
AN INDIVIDUAL POSSESSING INCREDIBLE POWER AND STRENGHT OF WILL IS CREATING THAT

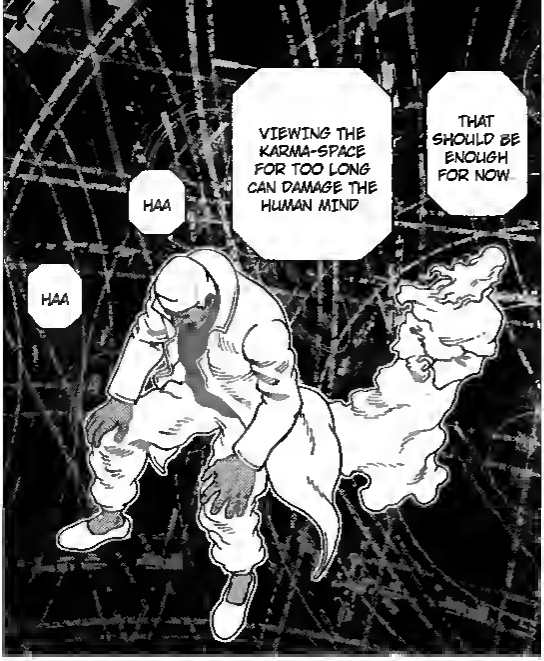
ME?
WHAT A MAGNIFICENT GALAXY OF CURRENTS!

THAT VORTEX IS YOU AGA MBADI!


OOHH!

BEHOLD TOMORROW'S FINALS!
THAT VORTEX IS BEING PULLED TOWARDS ANOTHER, AND THEIR COLLISION WILL BRING ABOUT VIOLENT AND UNPREDICTABLE RESULTS.

A GREAT WHIRLWIND OF KARMA!
SEVERAL VORTEXES HAVE COMBINED TO FORM A TORNADO THE LIKES OF WHICH IS ONLY SEEN ONCE IN A CENTURY!!


VIEWING THE KARMA-SPACE FOR TOO LONG CAN DAMAGE THE HUMAN MIND
THAT SHOULD BE ENOUGH FOR NOW.
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COULD IT MEAN THAT THE "SWORD OF DAMOCLES" WILL DESTROY KETHERES?
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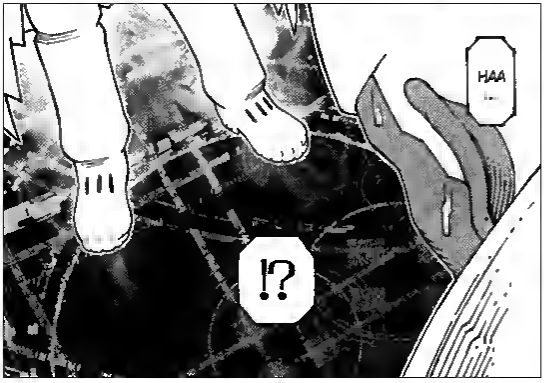
THERE WAS AN OVERWHELMING DARKNESS BEYOND THAT TORNADO.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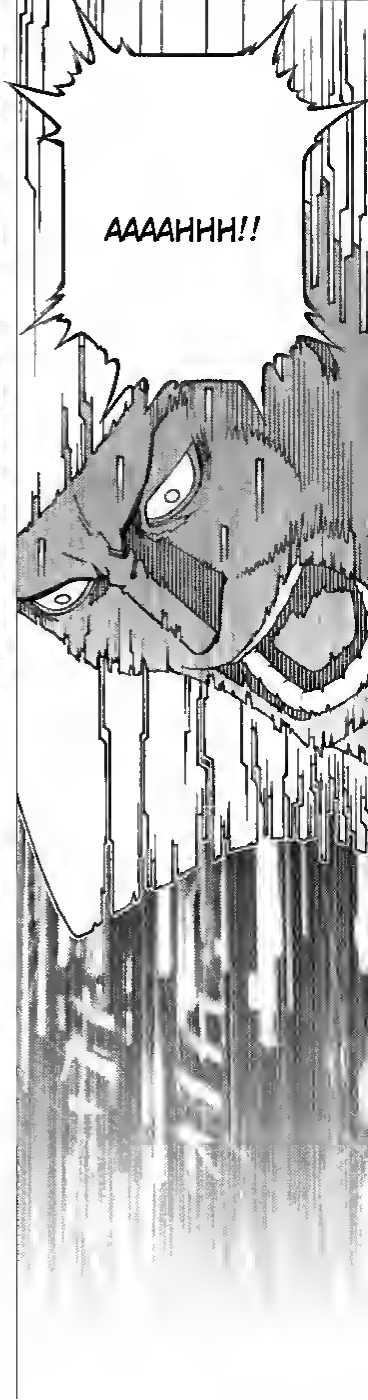
AAAAHHH!!

WHAT...!?
ALI...
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PAAAN
UGH!
ARE YOU HELPING HER ARTHUR!?
SFX ZZT ZZT
WHAT'S GOING ON!?
HOW DID SHE LINK IN WITHOUT WIESEL OR NOVA!?
ALITA IS CURRENTLY..
..NO

SLEEPING
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YOU CAN GO ANYWHERE IN YOUR DREAMS, RIGHT?
IT'S HARDLY SUR-PRISING
WHAT!?
HEHE, I SEE
ACTUALLY, THIS IS CONVENIENT.

SHE DEFEATED ME IN THE PSYSICAL WORLD..
BUT IN CYBERSPACE, INVINCIBLE!!
I'LL KILL YOU RIGHT HERE AND CLAIM THE "FATA MORGANA"!!
MORTAL ECLIPSE!
SFX SUPAN

SFX: DOKYA
SFX: ZUBAAN
SFX: GYURU
IM...
IMPOSSIBLE...

MR MBADI?
YOUR SPECTATOR RISK WAIVER, PLEASE.
MR MBADI.
WHY...?
WH...

UWAAAH.
THE CYCLONE APPROACHES!
SFX: AAAAH
WHAT A GREAT DREAM!
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